

lady D——. If she had been my daughter, I would never suffer her to go into company again; I had a great mind to box her ears. You see, my dear, that your vanity, or self-love, is a folly, which instead of making you esteemed, induces all the world to hate you. You have told every body that this lady is an ignorant woman; but at the same time you have made them believe that you are censorious. You have done yourself much more injury than you have her, who was the subject of your ridicule. Endeavour therefore to become good and charitable. Think before you speak, and ask yourself this question. Am not I going to say some ill-natured thing? Instead of making remarks upon other people's faults or imperfections, make it your business to observe their good qualities, and then all the world will admire you.—Now Lady Maria will tell us her history.

*Lady Maria.* Abraham loved his son Isaac extremely, but he loved God Almighty better, as indeed he ought. One day

day God said to Abraham, Take Isaac, and go up upon a high place to sacrifice him unto me; that I may cut off his head, and offer him for his body. It was the custom of those times to kill beasts and offer them to God, and after that, they were burnt; and God's pleasure to have Isaac in place of a beast. Any other person besides Abraham would have said, God has promised to give me a great many children; but if I kill him that cannot be, I have lost all. Abraham had more wisdom. He hesitated when God commanded him to do any thing, for he knew very well that God could do those things which appeared impossible. Abraham took some wood, and ordered Isaac to lay it upon the altar, and while they were going up the mountain, Isaac said to him, My father, have got wood and fire to light the fire, but have not any beast to offer as a sacrifice unto the Lord. The Lord will provide for us, replied Abraham. But we were got to the top of the mo-